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May 5, 2006

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, DRISCOLL
FIELD, Bienville Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

J-W OPERATING COMPANY ("Applicant") hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, in the Driscoll Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana:

1. To permit Applicant to drill, designate and utilize one (1) alternate unit well for CV RA SUE, two (2) alternate unit wells each for CV RA SUA, CV RA SUC and for CV RA SUF, and three (3) alternate unit wells each for CV RA SUG and for CV RA SUDD, at the locations shown on an attached plat.
2. To approve an exception to the spacing provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 194-H-4, effective April 5, 2005, for the location of any of the proposed alternate unit wells, as shown on an attached plat, which does not comply with the spacing provisions of said Order.
3. To find that each of the proposed alternate unit wells is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, underlying the unit on which the well is proposed to be drilled which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well on such unit.
4. To establish the unit allowable for each unit created for the Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, in the Driscoll Field under the Office of Conservation Order No. 194-H series of Orders, such units being shown on an attached plat, at a rate equal to the combined rate at which the unit well and alternate unit well or wells (whether one or more) located on each unit are capable of efficiently producing.
5. To continue in full force and effect the provisions of the Office of Conservation Order No. 194-H series of Orders, and the units created thereby, except to the extent contrary herewith.
6. To discuss such other matters as may be pertinent to this application.

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The Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, in the Driscoll Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, is defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 194-H-4, effective April 5, 2005.

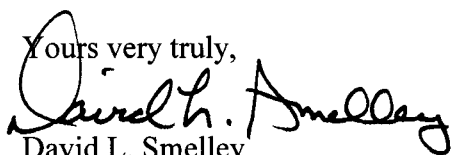
Any pertinent data concerning this application will be available for inspection at the offices of Mr. Joe B. Adams, 9141 Interline Avenue, Suite 3A, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809. Any person wishing to inspect any such data should call Mr. Adams at (225) 929-6097 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such data which is not otherwise available at the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

As provided by the Revised Rules of Procedure, the subject matter of this application does not require the issuance of a pre-application notice; therefore, no such notice has been issued.

Pursuant to the aforesaid Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of this letter, and of each of the attached plats, is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and the enclosed plats, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Driscoll Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, we enclose a check payable to the Office of Conservation for the application fee.

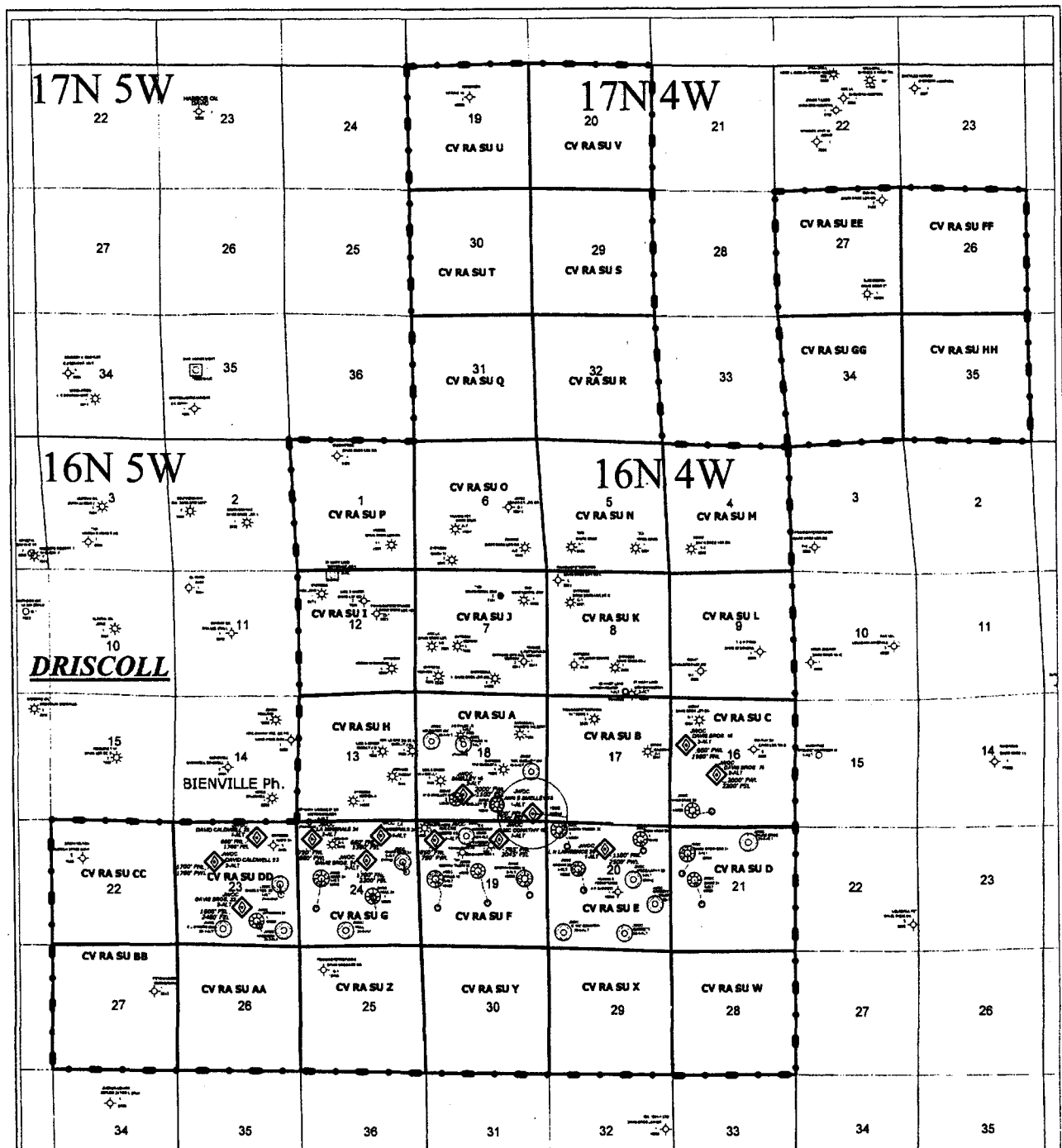
Yours very truly,


-- David L. Smelley
Attorney for J-W Operating Company

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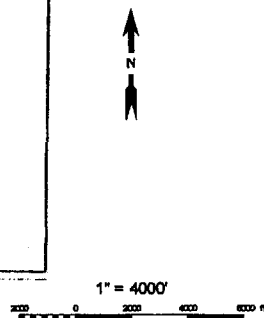
Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)
Mr. Jerry Wooten (w/encls.)
Mr. John Mahan (w/encls.)
Mr. Michael Baca (w/encls.)
Mr. Joe B. Adams (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented
Parties and Interested Parties (w/plats only)



LEGEND

- Existing Units 194-H series
- Proposed MER Field Area
- ◊ Proposed Alternate Unit Well
- ⊙ Approved Alternate Unit Well
- ⊙ Existing Substitute Unit Well
- Posted Wells > 6000'



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MER AREA Bienville, La. COTTON VALLEY ZONE		
DATE:	Witness: Joe Adams	DOCKET NO.
EXHIBIT 1	Scale: 1" = 4000'	06-??

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